IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	
LIVSHITS et al.	Art Unit: 1656
Application No.: 09/466,935	Examiner: David J. STEADMAN
Filing Date: December 20, 1999	Attorney Ref. No.: US-1260
For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACIDS	Confirmation No.: 1750

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, three month(s) to September 9, 2009.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge \boxtimes the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or \square our deposit account 50-2821 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account.

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